

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Prior to this Response, Claims 1-12 and 15-28 were pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner allowed Claims 5-12 and 20-28 and objected to Claim 4 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,188,698 to *Galand et al.* (hereinafter *Galand*) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0044206 to *Johansson et al.* (hereinafter *Johansson*).

Please cancel Claims 1-4 and 15-19, without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 5-12 and 20-28 are the currently pending claims herein.

Regarding the Examiner's §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-3 and 15-19, in view of the aforementioned cancellation of Claims 1-3 and 15-19 herein, it is respectfully asserted that this rejection is rendered moot.

Furthermore, in view of the Examiner's allowance of Claims 5-12 and 20-28, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 5-12 and 20-28, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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